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Friday, 5 December 2008

Security Council

10 a.m. — 6032nd meeting (closed) — Economic and Social Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Meeting of the Security Council with the troop-contributing countries pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, Sections A and B

United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus

Morning[1] — Consultations of the whole (closed) — Consultations Room

UNFICYP (S/2008/744)

Other matters

3 p.m. — 6033rd meeting — Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Letter dated 13 November 2008 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2008/705)

[1]To be held following the adjournment of the 6032nd meeting.

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1521 (2003) concerning Liberia

3 p.m. — Informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 6

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

10 a.m. — 64th plenary meeting — General Assembly Hall

1. Effects of atomic radiation: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/63/398) [27]
2. International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/63/399) [28]
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4. Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/63/401) [30]
5. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/63/402) [31]
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8. Economic and other activities which affect the interests of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/63/405) . . . . . [34]

9. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/63/406) . . . . . [35]

10. Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/43/407) . . . . . [36]

11. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/63/408) . . . . . [37]

12. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/63/409) . . . . . [110]

13. Programme planning: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/63/449) . . . . . [119]

14. Oceans and the law of the sea . . . . . [70]

    (a) Oceans and the law of the sea

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        (ii) Report of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Informal Working Group to study issues relating to the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction (A/63/79 and A/63/79/Corr.1)

        (iii) Report on the work of the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea at its ninth meeting (A/63/174 and A/63/174/Corr.1)

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        (v) Draft resolution (A/63/L.42)

    (b) Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, and related instruments

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15. Culture of peace: draft resolution (A/63/L.23) . . . . . [45]

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(r) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference: draft resolution (A/63/L.44)

General Assembly
Sixty-third session

Open ended informal consultations on the commemorative plenary meeting devoted to the sixtieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (agenda item 64) will be held *today*, 5 December 2008, at *4.30 p.m.* in Conference Room 8.

Security Council

The Security Council will hold an open debate on Tuesday, 9 December 2008, in the Security Council Chamber, in connection with the agenda item "Threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts". Member States wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers should contact the Secretariat (room S-3520; fax 1 (212) 963-7878; tel. 1 (212) 963-5258), from 9.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. *Delegations are also kindly requested to limit their statements to no more than five minutes.*

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

10 a.m.–12 noon	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
	Informal consultations on agenda item 126 (United Nations Pension system (A/63/9, A/63/363, A/C.5/63/2 and A/63/556))	
12 noon–1 p.m.	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
	Informal consultations on agenda item 118 (Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009: Construction: Nairobi, Vienna, Addis Ababa (A/62/794, A/63/303 and A/63/465))	
3–6 p.m.	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
	Informal consultations on agenda item 118 (Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2008: Information technology (A/62/793, A/62/793/Add.1, A/62/510/Rev.1, A/62/477, A/62/502, A/62/7/Add.31, A/61/290, A/61/478, A/61/765, A/61/804, A/60/582, A/60/582/Add.1, A/60/665, A/60/665/Add.1, A/63/140, A/63/140/Add.1, A/61/826, A/62/537, A/63/487, A/63/487/Corr.1, A/63/487/Corr.2, A/62/806 and A/63/496))	

General Assembly

Open-ended Working Group on the Question of Equitable Representation on and Increase in the Membership of the Security Council and Other Matters related to the Security Council

11 a.m.–1 p.m.	3rd meeting (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3–6 p.m.	4th meeting (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3–6 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10
	Executive session	

Informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

Friday, 5 December 2008

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Agriculture development and food security" (under agenda item 107) (convened by the delegations of Chile, Egypt and Indonesia)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "International cooperation on humanitarian assistance in the field of natural disasters, from relief to development" (under agenda item 65) (convened by the delegation of India)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "The role of diamonds in fuelling conflict: breaking the link between the illicit transaction of rough diamonds and armed conflict as a contribution to prevention and settlement of conflicts" (under agenda item 11) (convened by the delegation of India)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/63/L.8, entitled "Security and climate change" (under agenda item 107) (convened by the delegation of Tonga and the Pacific Small Island Developing States (PSIDS))

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Second Committee

Informal "informal" consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.57, entitled "Implementation of the Brussels Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010" (under agenda item 52 (a)) (convened by the Rapporteur of the Second Committee (Yemen))

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence (under agenda item 51 (a)) (convened by the delegation of the Netherlands)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Other meetings

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Friday, 5 December 2008

UNITAR Seminar on International Trade and Policy

9.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

African Group (experts on causes of conflicts and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa)

11.15 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

Friends of the International Criminal Court (meeting with the Prosecutor of the Court)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

Group of 77 (on Second Committee matters) (on the draft resolution on promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Group of 77 (on the draft resolution on humanitarian assistance in the field of natural disasters, from relief to development)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

Friday, 5 December 2008

Room S-226

11 a.m. . . . . Mr. Manuel Escudero, Special Adviser to the United Nations Global Compact; Mr. John Fernandes, President, Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB International); Ms. Judith Samuelson, Director, Aspen Institute's Business and Society Program; and Ms. Liz Maw, Executive Director, Net Impact (on the first Global Forum for Responsible Management Education)

Guest at 12 noon . . . . Mr. John Holmes, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator (to provide an update on the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF))

Press stakeout (outside Conference Room 7)

5.30 p.m. . . . . H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations (to brief the press following the meeting of the Group of Friends on Myanmar)

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

Main Committees

Second Committee

The Second Committee will hold its final meeting on Thursday, 11 December 2008, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2, to take action on all outstanding draft proposals before it for the sixty-third session of the General Assembly.

Security Council

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1267 (1999) concerning Al-Qaida and the Taliban and associated individuals and entities
Briefing

The Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1267 (1999) concerning Al-Qaida and the Taliban and associated individuals and entities, H.E. Mr. Jan Grauls (Belgium), will hold an open briefing for interested Member States on Thursday, 11 December 2008, at 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 4.

The briefing will provide an update on the work of the Committee and the Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team, in particular on the implementation of Security Council resolution 1822 (2008).

The Chairman and the Coordinator of the Monitoring Team look forward to this mutually beneficial dialogue with Member States and will be pleased to answer any questions that representatives of Member States may wish to raise at this briefing.

General Assembly
Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission
Third session

Central African Republic configuration

An informal meeting (open) of the Central African Republic configuration will be held on Wednesday, 10 December 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations
Briefing

There will be an informal briefing by the Department on Peacekeeping Operations to members of the Special Committee on the "Senior Mission Administrative and Resource Training (SMART)" on Tuesday, 9 December 2008, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East

The Ad hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East will meet on Wednesday, 10 December 2008, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 4.

Economic and Social Council

Briefing

There will be a briefing by the Chair of the WHO Commission on the Social Determinants of Health (CSDH), Sir Michael Marmot, on the report of the Commission, entitled "Closing the gap in a generation: Health equity through action on the social determinants of health", for members of the Economic and Social Council, on Wednesday, 10 December 2008, from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Following the presentation by Sir Michael Marmot and interventions by two discussants, Dr. Ruth Levine, Vice-President for Programs and Operations and Senior Fellow, Centre for Global Development, and Dr. Nora Lustig, J.B. and Maurice C. Shapiro Visiting Professor of International Affairs, The Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University, the floor will be open for an interactive discussion. The session will be moderated by the Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs, Mr. Thomas Stelzer.

All are invited to attend. For more information on the event, please visit the following Web site: <www.un.org/ecosoc/meetings/meeting_WHO.shtml>; or contact Ms. Cheryl Stafford (tel. 1 (917) 367-3116; e-mail stafford@un.org).

United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

International expert group meeting on the role of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues in the implementation of article 42 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

The international expert group meeting on the role of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues in the implementation of article 42 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples will take place from Wednesday, 14, to Friday, 16 January 2009, in Conference Room 5. Member States interested in attending, *at the expert level*, are kindly requested to inscribe with the secretariat of the Permanent Forum, by *today*, 5 December 2008 (tel. 1 (917) 367-5759; fax 1 (917) 367-5102; e-mail pollack@un.org). Given space limitations, the list of participants in the meeting will be established on a first-come, first-served basis. The documents for the meeting are available at <www.un.org/esa/socdev/unpfii/en/EGM_A42.html>.

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

Informal consultation

The Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will hold an informal consultation on the report of cost classification in UNDP, on Wednesday, 10 December 2008, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

Second Committee

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.31, entitled "International migration and development" (under agenda item 51 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Morocco)

Tuesday, 9 December 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence (under agenda item 51 (a)) (convened by the delegation of the Netherlands)

Tuesday, 9 December 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Eastern European States Group (on Fifth Committee matters)

Tuesday, 9 December 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Special Court for Sierra Leone (briefing to the Group of interested States)

Friday, 12 December 2008, at 1.15 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Forthcoming other activities

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Panel discussion on "African shared values on democracy, good governance and human rights within the context of the 2006 Framework for the Ten-Year Capacity-Building Programme for the African Union" (organized by the Permanent Observer Mission of the African Union, in partnership with the Department of Political Affairs, the National Democratic Institute (NDI) and the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IDEA))

Tuesday, 9 December 2008, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mrs. Marieme Kane, African Union (tel. 1 (212) 319-5490, ext. 15; e-mail kaneaumission_ny@yahoo.com).]

"The Next One Hundred Project" — Workshop on the status of efforts towards effective implementation of the Security Council resolution 1540 (2004) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Finland, in cooperation with the Henry L. Stimson Center and the Stanley Foundation)

Tuesday, 9 December 2008, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, at the Consulate General of Finland (866 United Nations Plaza, Suite 250).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Tapio Tolvanen, Permanent Mission of Finland (tel. 1 (212) 821-0269; e-mail tapio.tolvanen@formin.fi).]

Women's International Forum (sponsored by the Executive Office of the Secretary-General)

Tuesday, 9 December 2008, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 4.

[Delegates and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.]

Panel discussion on "Reconstituting Korea security" and book launch (organized by the United Nations University)

Tuesday, 9 December 2008, from 1.15 to 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room D.

[To register or more information for the event, please visit the following Web site: <www.ony.un.edu>. For any query, please contact Ms. Ekaterina Anyanova, UNU (tel. 1 (212) 963-6387; e-mail ekaterina@ony.unu.edu)]

UNITAR Migration and Development Series — Seminar on Migration Data (organized by UNITAR, in collaboration with the International Organization for Migration (IOM), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the MacArthur Foundation)

Wednesday, 10 December 2008, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D.

[All are invited to attend. For further information and registration, please visit <www.unitarny.org/en/data.html>; or contact Ms. Sarah Rosengaertner, UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684; e-mail rosengaertner@un.org).]

Panel discussion on "Reclaiming the vision: The Universal Declaration of Human Rights today" (organized by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Department of Public Information and the NGO Committee on Human Rights)

Wednesday, 10 December 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the OHCHR New York Office (tel. 1 (212) 963-5931). The event will be broadcasted at <www.un.org/webcast>.]

DPI Conference on "Media and communications in peacebuilding" (organized by the Department of Public Information, in collaboration with the Peacebuilding Support Office)

Friday, 12 December 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. and from 3 to 4.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

[All are invited to attend. For more information, please contact Ms. Simone Eymann, Peace and Security Section, DPI (tel. 1 (917) 367-2428; fax 1 (212) 963-9737; e-mail: eymann@un.org).]

Forthcoming official meetings held away from Headquarters

General Assembly

Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
United Nations Office at Geneva

In accordance with the terms of General Assembly resolution 55/75, the Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees will convene in Geneva, on Tuesday, 9 December 2008, at 3 p.m. in Room XVII at the Palais des Nations.

Announcements

United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law: Urgent appeal for associate experts (junior professional officers)

The Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs is pleased to announce that the United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law was launched on 28 October 2008 and can be found at <www.un.org/law/avl>. The Audiovisual Library of International Law is a unique multi-media resource which is a core instrument for promoting a greater understanding of the essential role of the United Nations in the field of international law.

As this on-going project is entirely funded by voluntary contributions, the Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs is seeking contribution by Member States in funding associate experts (junior professional officers) in international law and in Web site management. For additional information, please contact Ms. Virginia Morris, Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs (tel. 1 (212) 963-6971; e-mail morrisv@un.org).

Preparations for the fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women: Extension of deadline for submission of names of expert panellists

In preparation for the fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women (2–13 March 2009), delegations are invited to propose names of expert panellists to participate in two panel discussions on the following themes: (a) Key policy initiatives and innovative approaches to promote the equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including care-giving in the context of HIV/AIDS; and (b) Capacity building for mainstreaming a gender perspective into national policies and programmes to support the equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including care-giving in the context of HIV/AIDS. Delegations are requested to submit names indicating the panel for which the expert(s) is (are) being nominated and to provide curricula vitae outlining the specific expertise and experience of the proposed candidate in relation to the theme of the panel. Information should be sent to the Division for the Advancement of Women (e-mail jagwanth@un.org or williams-carter@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-3463), no later than *Friday, 19 December 2008*. Further details on the panel discussions will be made available at <www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/53sess.htm#interactive>.

Security Council

Web site of the presidency

The Web site of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at <www.un.org/sc/presidency.asp>.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council <www.un.org/Docs/sc>.

Prepared statements

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Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

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Summary of official meetings

Thursday, 4 December 2008

Security Council

6031st meeting

Security Council mission

Briefing by the Head of the Security Council mission to Afghanistan

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Afghanistan, at his request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by the representative of Italy, H.E. Mr. Giulio Terzi, in his capacity as Head of the Security Council mission to Afghanistan.

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

62nd plenary meeting

Oceans and the law of the sea . . . . . [70]

(a) Oceans and the law of the sea

(i) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/63/63 and A/63/63/Add.1)

(ii) Report of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Informal Working Group to study issues relating to the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction (A/63/79 and A/63/79/Corr.1)

(iii) Report on the work of the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea at its ninth meeting (A/63/174 and A/63/174/Corr.1)

(iv) Study prepared by the Secretariat (A/63/342)

(v) Draft resolution (A/63/L.42)

(b) Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, and related instruments

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/63/128)

(ii) Draft resolution (A/63/L.43)

The representative of Brazil made a statement, in the course of which she introduced draft resolution A/63/L.42.

The representative of the United States made a statement, in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/63/L.43.

Statements were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union and those countries that aligned themselves with the statement), Jamaica (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), Palau (on behalf of the Pacific Islands Forum), Viet Nam, Kenya, the Republic of Korea, Cuba and Tunisia.

H.E. The Honourable E. Ahamed, Minister of State for External Affairs of India, made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Egypt, Monaco, Norway, Guatemala, Canada and Japan.

63rd plenary meeting — *Oceans and the law of the sea* . . . . . [70]

(a) Oceans and the law of the sea

(i) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/63/63 and A/63/63/Add.1)

(ii) Report of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Informal Working Group to study issues relating to the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction (A/63/79 and A/63/79/Corr.1)

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(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/63/128)

(ii) Draft resolution (A/63/L.43)

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda item 70 and its sub-items (a) and (b).

Statements were made by the representatives of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Argentina, China, Iceland, Indonesia, Singapore, Mexico, Fiji, Sri Lanka, Ukraine, the United Republic of Tanzania, Kuwait, the Russian Federation, Maldives, Australia and South Africa.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 51/6 of 24 October 1996, H.E. Mr. Satya Nandan, Secretary-General of the International Seabed Authority, made a statement.

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

22nd meeting

Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 . . . . . [118]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chief of the Conditions of Service Section of the Office of Human Resources Management introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/62/582/Add.2).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/63/570).

The Chairman of the Committee drew the attention of the Committee to a letter dated 6 March 2007 from Secretary-General to the President of the General Assembly (A/C.5/61/19).

Statements were made by the representatives of Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the United States and the Russian Federation.

The Chief of the Conditions of Service Section of the Office of Human Resources Management replied to questions raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this question.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this question would begin at a future date, under the chairmanship of Mr. Alexios Mitsopoulos (Greece).

The Chief of Service II of the Programme Planning and Budget Division introduced the reports of the Secretary-General (A/63/320 and A/63/371).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related reports of that Committee (A/63/568 and A/63/567).

The representative of Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) made a statement on the contingent liability reserve for the United Nations Postal Administration and the revised estimates of the Economic and Social Council.

The representative of the United States made a statement on the contingent liability reserve for the United Nations Postal Administration.

The Chief of the Commercial Activities Service of Central Support Services replied to questions raised on the contingent liability reserve for the United Nations Postal Administration.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of these questions.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on these questions would begin at a future date, under the chairmanship of Mr. Henric Rasbrant (Sweden), Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Convention on Cluster Munitions. Dublin, 30 May 2008

Signature: Côte d'Ivoire (4 December 2008)

Signature: Guinea-Bissau (4 December 2008)

International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. New York, 16 December 1966

Signature: Bahamas (4 December 2008)

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. New York, 16 December 1966

Signature: Bahamas (4 December 2008)

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. New York, 6 October 1999

Accession: Australia (4 December 2008)[1]

Additional Protocol to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects (Protocol IV, entitled Protocol on Blinding Laser Weapons). Vienna, 13 October 1995

Consent to be bound: Paraguay (3 December 2008)[1]

Amendment to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects. Geneva, 21 December 2001

Accession: Paraguay (3 December 2008)[1]

Protocol or Explosive Remnants of War to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects (Protocol V). Geneva, 28 November 2003

Consent to be bound: Paraguay (3 December 2008)[1]

[1]Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

International Convention on the Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods. Geneva, 21 October 1982

Accession: Republic of Moldova (3 December 2008)[1]

European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (ADN). Geneva, 26 May 2000

Accession: Romania (3 December 2008)[1]

United Nations Convention against Corruption. New York, 31 October 2003

Notifications under articles 6 (3), 46 (13) and 46 (14): Brunei Darussalam (3 December 2008)[1]

[1]Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

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Opening for signature

In accordance with its article 15, the Convention on Cluster Munitions is open for signature at United Nations Headquarters until its entry into force.

Certified true copies of the Convention, of which the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts are equally authentic, will be prepared and will be transmitted to all States as soon as possible.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specific treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Convention could notify, and provide copies of the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, United Nations Headquarters, New York (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail holbrook@un.org).

For more information on full powers and a model instrument of full powers, please refer to the *Treaty Handbook* on the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site, which can be accessed at <http://treaties.un.org>.

For general information on the signing conference, including registration, financial support, travel and visa arrangements, please consult the following Web site: <www.osloccm.no>.

General information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *December 2008* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Morocco
H.E. Mr. Mohammed Loulichki

Asian States:
Thailand
H.E. Mr. Don Pramudwinai

Eastern European States:
Czech Republic
H.E. Mr. Martin Palouš

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Colombia
H.E. Ms. Claudia Blum

Western European and other States:
Israel
H.E. Ms. Gabriela Shalev

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A/63/437	Item 73 — Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission — Report of the Sixth Committee [A C E F R S]
A/63/438	Item 74 — Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its forty-first session — Report of the Sixth Committee [A C E F R S]
A/63/440	Item 76 — Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts — Report of the Sixth Committee [A C E F R S]
A/63/442	Item 78 — Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization — Report of the Sixth Committee [A C E F R S]
A/63/444	Item 99 — Measures to eliminate international terrorism — Report of the Sixth Committee [A C E F R S]
A/63/445	Item 110 — Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly — Report of the Sixth Committee [A C E F R S]
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A/63/451	Item 129 — Administration of justice at the United Nations — Report of the Sixth Committee [A C E F R S]
A/63/536	Item 135 — Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus — Performance report on the budget of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008 — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/63/571–S/2008/735	Items 15 and 16 — The situation in the Middle East — Question of Palestine — Letter dated 24 November 2008 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/63/572–S/2008/736	Items 15 and 16 — The situation in the Middle East — Question of Palestine — Identical letters dated 25 November 2008 from the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
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A/C.2/63/L.62	Item 49 (a) — Sustainable development: implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development — Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Andrei Metelitsa (Belarus), on the basis of informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.27 [A C E F R S]

A/C.2/63/L.63	Item 54 — Operational activities for development — Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Troy Torrington (Guyana), on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.43 — High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation [A C E F R S]
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S/2008/755	Letter dated 3 December 2008 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]

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